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DELAWARE'S RESPONSE TO COVID-19

**Press Briefing
August 4, 2020**

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Weather Update

National Weather Service has indicated 3 tornadoes in Delaware this morning:

- **Sandtown**
- **Dover**
- **Smyrna**

Weather Update

Current actions:

- **First responders performed multiple water rescues**
- **Working on supporting rescue and recovery activities across the state**
- **Obtaining damage assessment**

Weather Update

Power outages

- **>58,000** - Delmarva
and Delaware Electric
Coop

Dover Area



Wilmington

Silverside Rd and Carr Rd



Delaware Cases of COVID-19

15,137 total cases

174,171 negative tests

587 total lives lost

Hospitalizations:

25 new 42 current 11 critical

As of August 3, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

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Delaware Cases of COVID-19

4.7 percent positive
(7-day average)

96 new cases per day
(7-day average)

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Delaware Cases of COVID-19



**NEW
CASTLE**

6,994

positive cases

*since first case confirmed on
March 11, 2020*

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Delaware Cases of COVID-19



2,226
positive cases
*since first case confirmed on
March 11, 2020*

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Delaware Cases of COVID-19

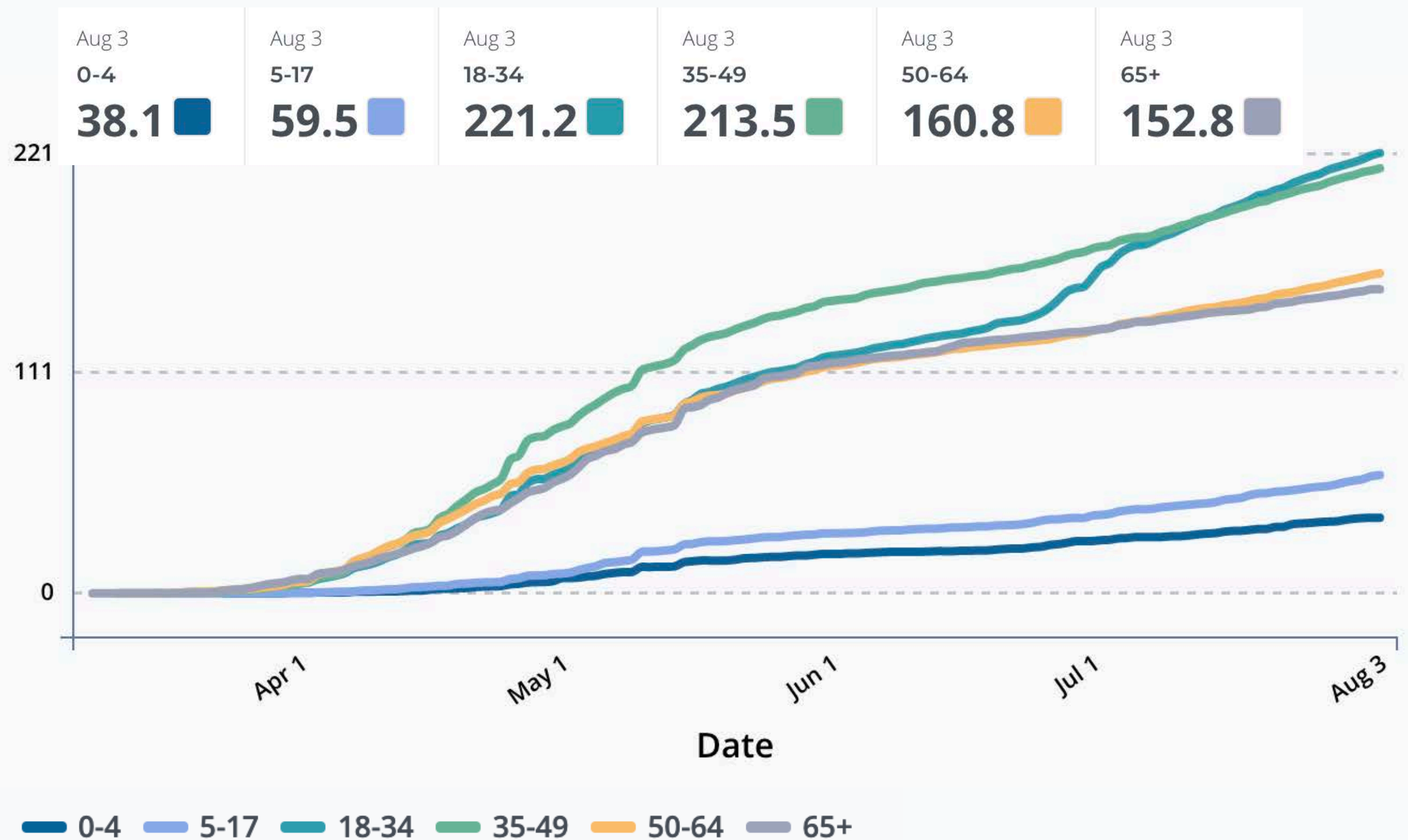


5,685
positive cases
*since first case confirmed on
March 11, 2020*

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Positive Cases per 10,000 Population by Age Group



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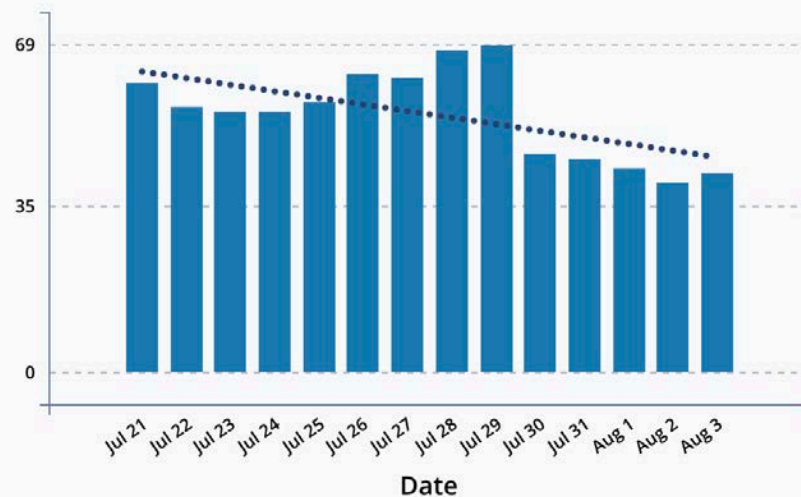
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COVID-19 Data Dashboard

14-day View

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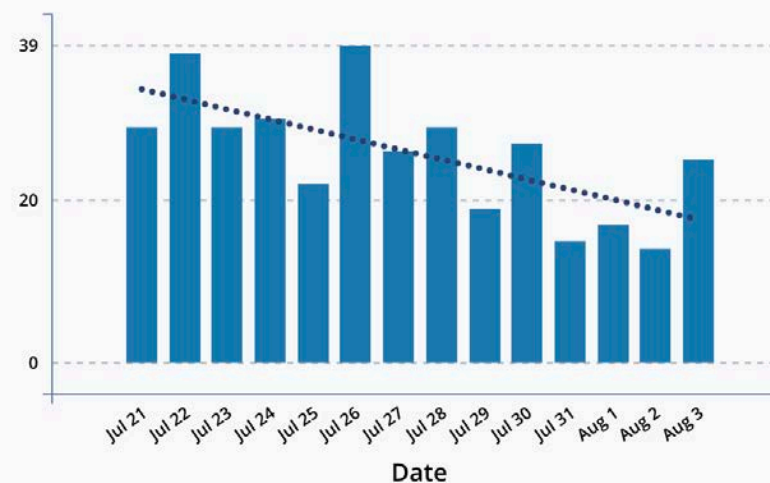
Current Hospitalizations



Current Hospitalizations (Statewide) ••• Trend Line

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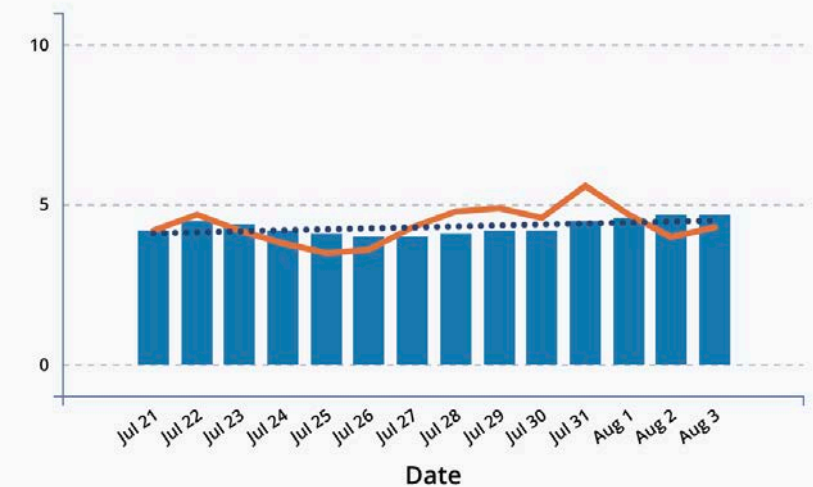
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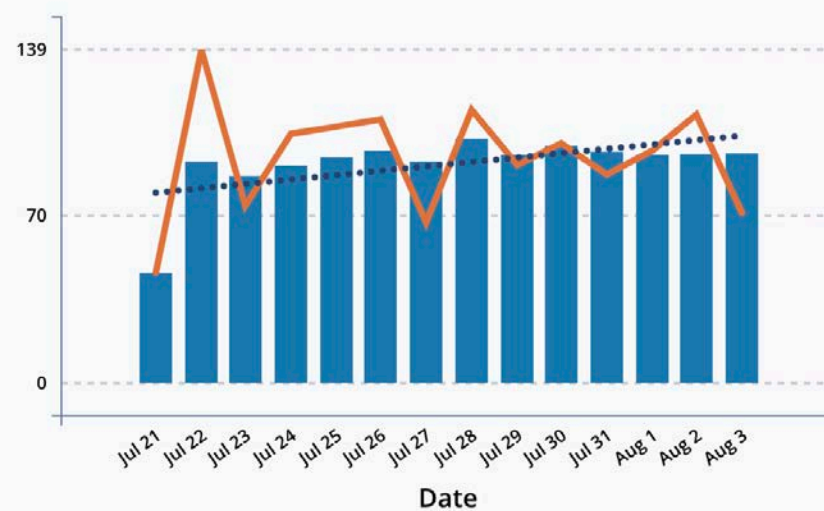
Percentage of Persons Who Tested Positive



Average Percent Who Tested Positive ••• Trend Line

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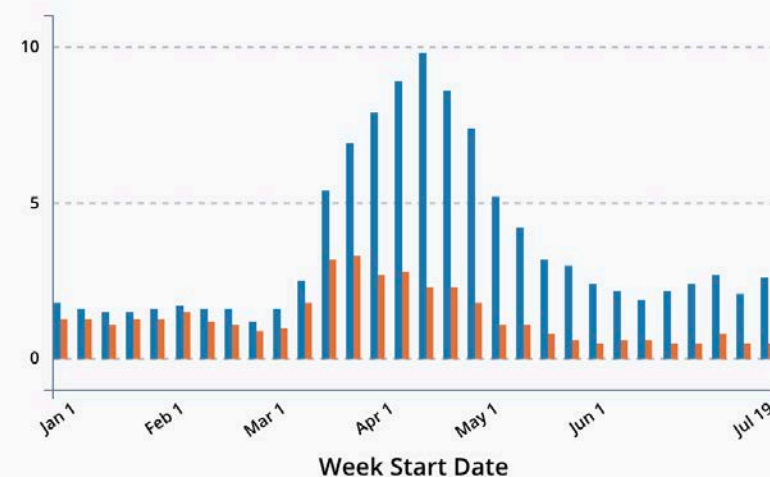
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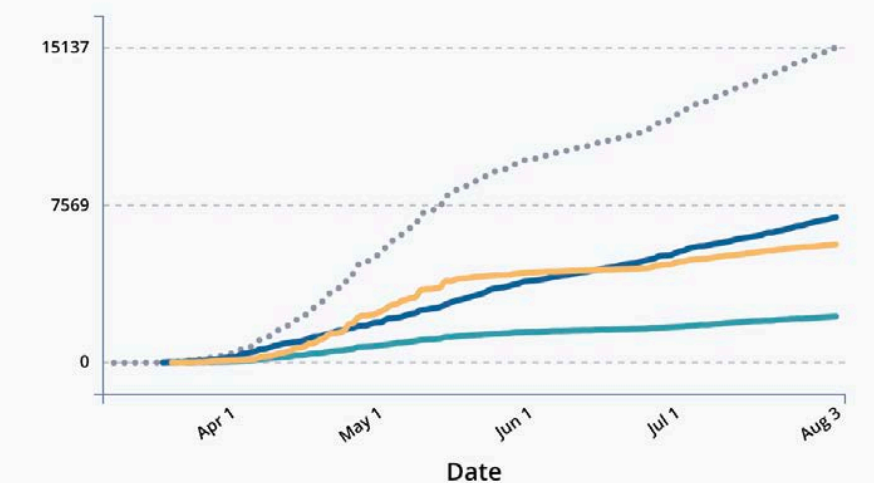
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Percentage of Emergency Department Visits for Influenza-Like Illness (ILI) and COVID-19-Like Illness (CLI) by Week



Percentage of Emergency Department Visits for COVID-19-Like Illness (CLI) by Week
Percentage of Emergency Department Visits for Influenza-Like Illness (ILI) by Week

Cases by County (Cumulative)



State of Delaware New Castle County Kent County Sussex County

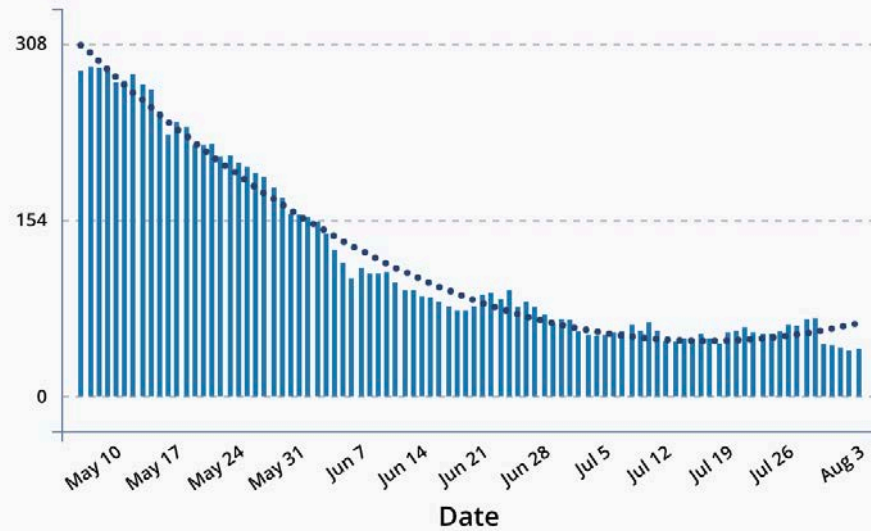
View more data: de.gov/healthycommunity

COVID-19 Data Dashboard

90-day View

Current Hospitalizations

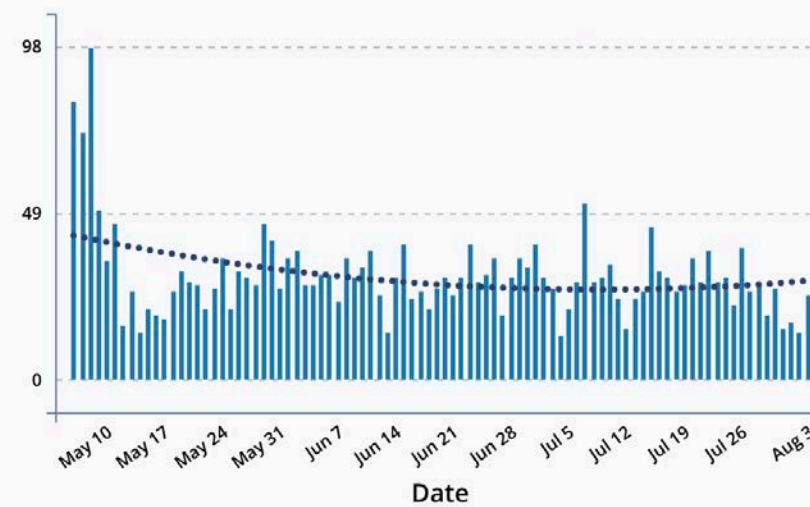
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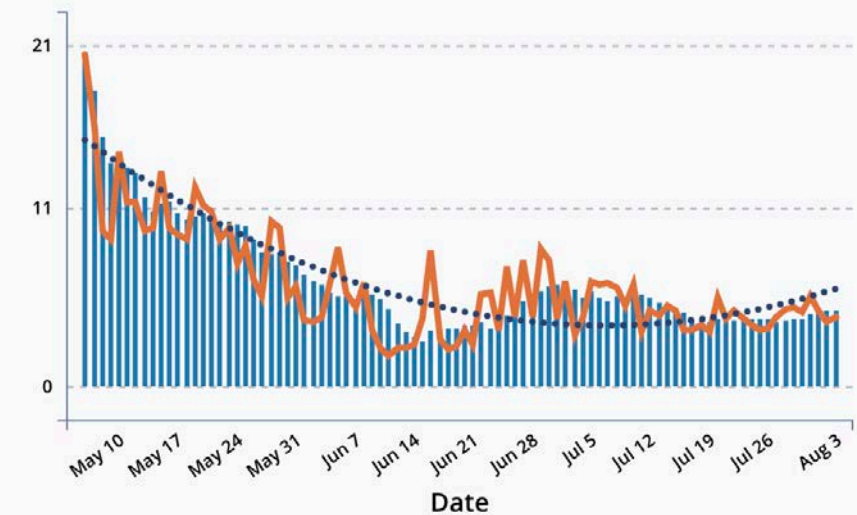
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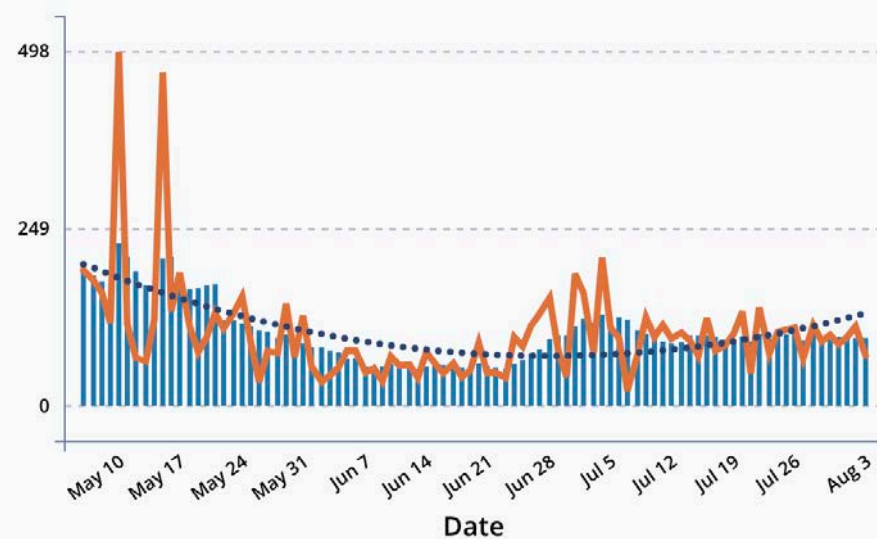
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New Positive Cases

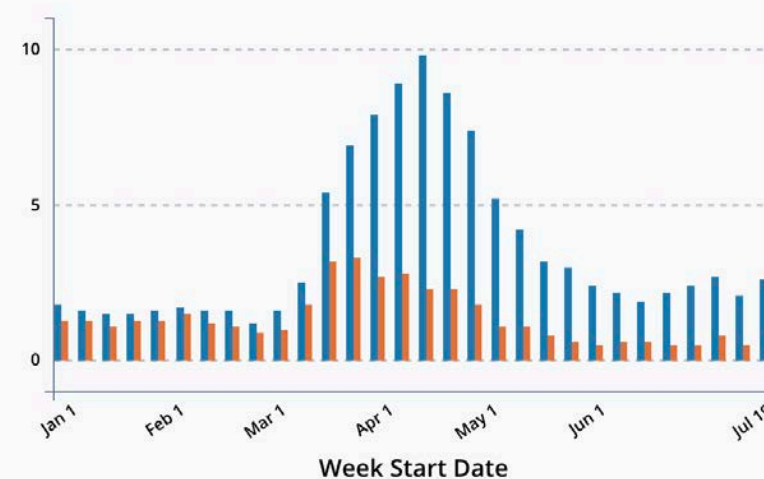
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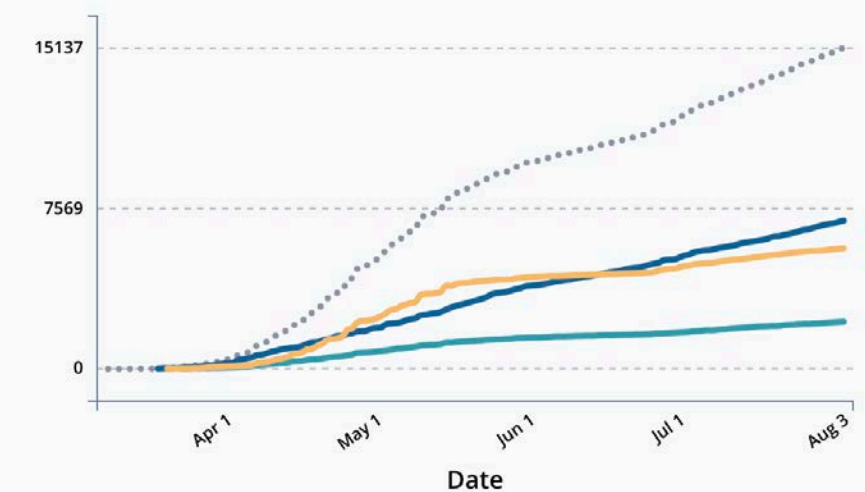
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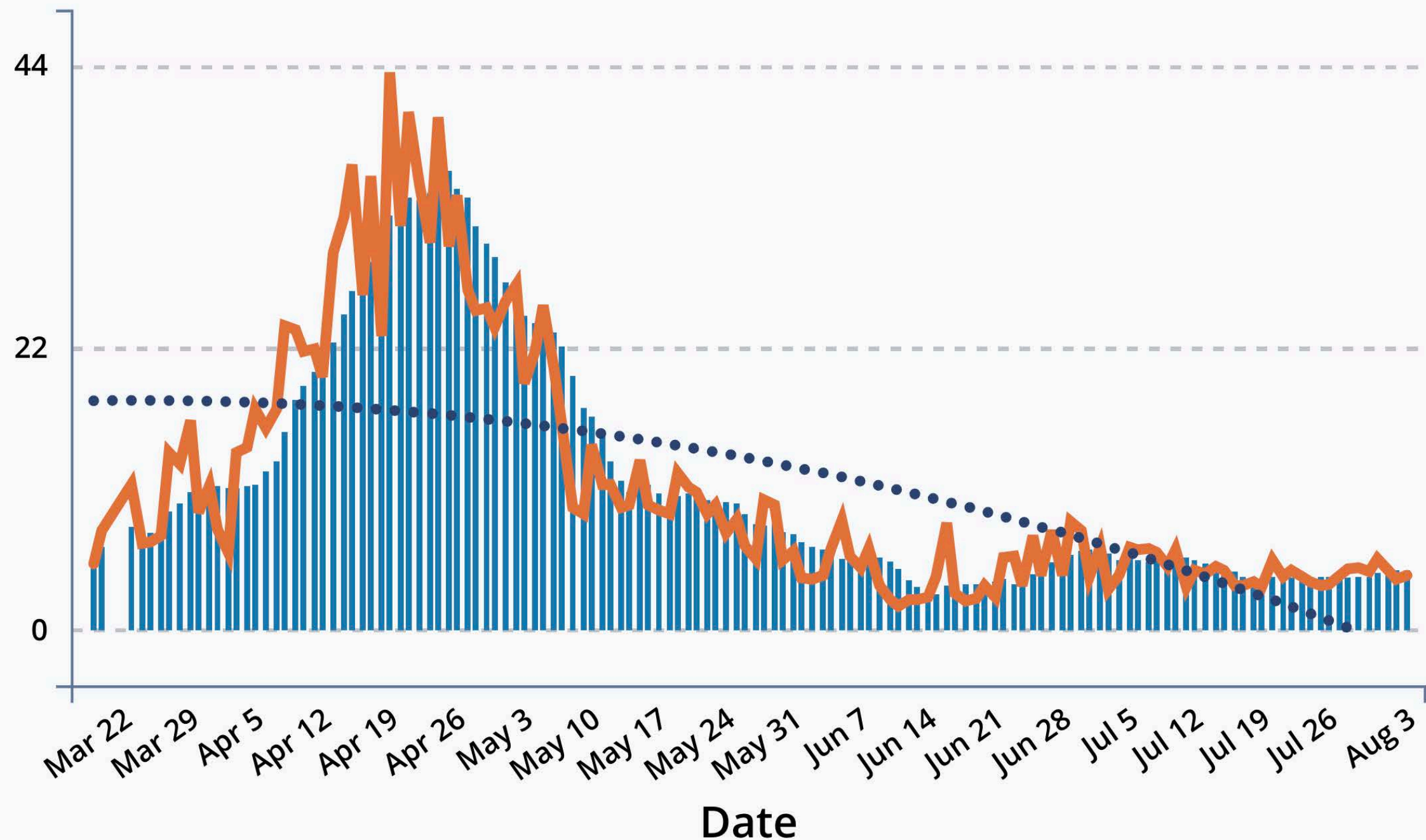
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Infection Rate: All Available Data

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Percentage of Persons Who Tested Positive



■ Average — Percent Who Tested Positive ●●● Trend Line

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COVID-19 Data Dashboard

Delaware's Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Inventory Status



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Schools: Planning Scenarios

Minimal Community Spread

School Buildings are Open
for In-Person Instruction

Scenario

1

Minimal Community Spread

Few cases with minimal increases
Low percent positive cases
Low numbers of hospitalizations

**Schools are open for in-person
instruction**

Minimal-to-Moderate Community Spread

Remote Learning/In-Person/Hybrid

Scenario

2

Minimal-to-Moderate Community Spread

Moderate levels of community spread
Moderate percent of increased cases,
percent positive and hospitalizations

**Schools may use a hybrid model
of remote learning and in-person
learning options with precautions
in place**

Significant Community Spread

School Buildings are Closed –
Remote Learning Only

Scenario

3

Significant Community Spread

Significant increase in cases, percent
positive and hospitalizations

**School buildings are closed –
remote learning only**

Note: Each planning phase will have some considerations in common and other features that build on the previous phase.

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***Based on data, schools
may reopen under***

Scenario 2

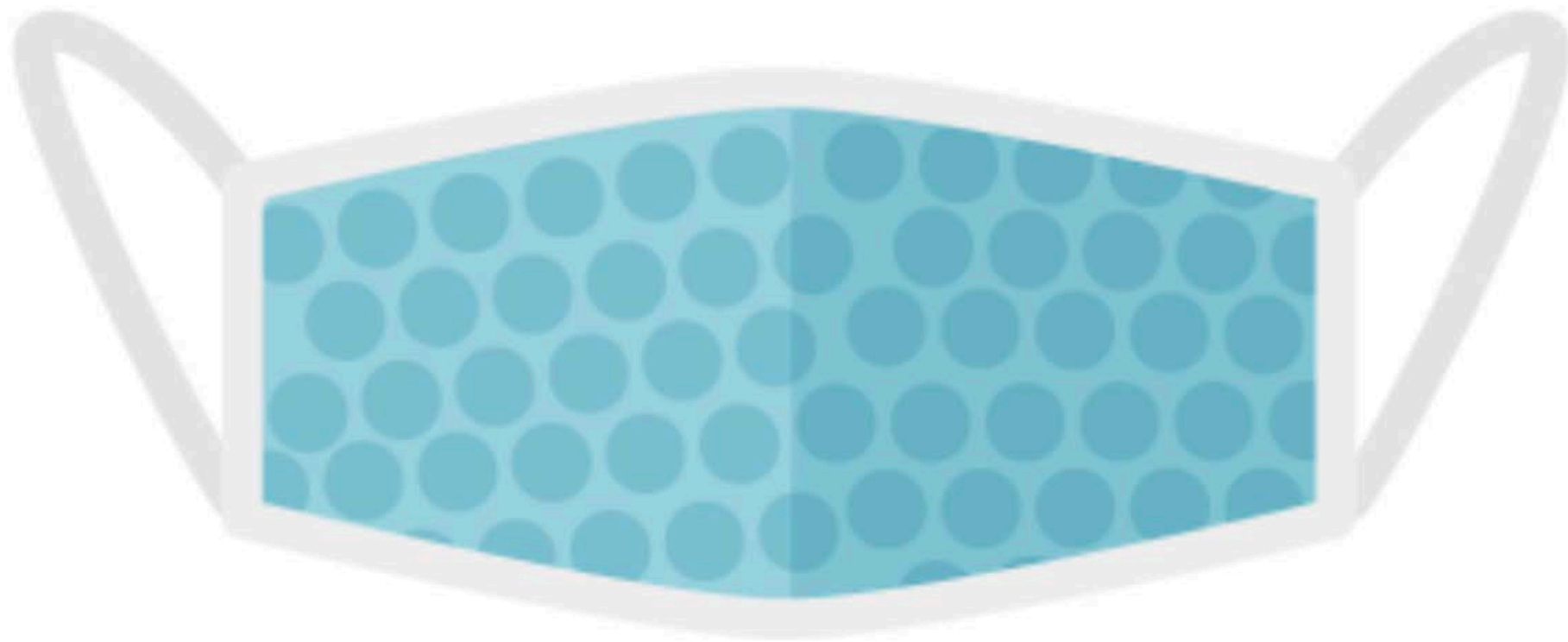
***Hybrid: a mix of in-person and
remote learning***

Scenario 2

Schools may use a hybrid model of remote learning and in-person learning options with precautions in place

*Testing for students,
educators and staff* will
be available prior to
and throughout the
school year.

Wear a mask



to help get kids back into schools



Secretary Susan Bunting

Delaware Department of Education

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Timeline

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|-----------------|--|
| March 13 | Closed school buildings for two weeks |
| March 26 | DDOE issues remote guidance for districts, charters |
| April 3 | Districts and charters submit remote learning plans |
| April 24 | Closed school buildings through academic year |

Timeline

- May 18** **COVID-19 School Reopening Working Groups Announced**
- July 15** **Released guidance to help districts and charters plan for three learning scenarios, based on Workgroup recommendations**
- August 4** **Data-driven decision to reopen schools under Scenario 2 (hybrid)**

Support for Districts and Charters

Assistance from the DDOE:

- **Planning and preparation related to models and methods of instructional delivery**
- **To the extent possible, the delivery of social and related services**

RETURNING TO SCHOOL

Frequently Asked Questions

- *What is the decision regarding school reopening?*
- *Can a school open in a different scenario?*
- *What does a hybrid scenario mean?*
- *Will COVID-19 testing be made available to staff and students?*
- *What happens if a student or staff member tests positive for COVID-19 during the school year?*
- *What is the process for moving between scenarios?*
- *Is it possible that there will be regional variability?*
- *How will schools meet the behavioral/mental health needs of students, families, and staff?*

Find answers and resources:
de.gov/covid19edu

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Public Health Update

School Criteria and Environmental Safety in Schools

RETURNING TO SCHOOL

Gating Criteria

	Scenario 1: Minimal Spread	Scenario 2: Minimal-to- Moderate Spread	Scenario 3: Significant Spread
New Cases per 100,000	<10	10-100	>100
% Persons Testing Positive	<3%	3% to 10%	>10%
Avg. Daily Hospitalizations per 100,000	<10	10-25	>25
Overall Rating*	2+ Green	2+ Yellow	2+ Red

**If 1 of each color, % positive determines rating*

RETURNING TO SCHOOL

Gating Criteria

	New Cases (Per 100,000)	% Persons Positive	Avg. Daily Hospitalizations (Per 100,000)	Overall Rating
4/18/2020 - 4/24/2020	122.5	34.7	27.9	High
4/25/2020 - 5/1/2020	151.0	27.3	31.9	High
5/2/2020 - 5/8/2020	138.1	18.2	29.5	High
5/9/2020 - 5/15/2020	148.2	12.3	27.9	High
5/16/2020 - 5/22/2020	86.9	10.0	23.1	Medium
5/23/2020 - 5/29/2020	72.3	8.3	20.0	Medium
5/30/2020 - 6/5/2020	47.4	5.6	14.9	Medium
6/6/2020 - 6/12/2020	40.8	3.2	10.8	Medium
6/13/2020 - 6/19/2020	38.2	2.6	8.5	Low
6/20/2020 - 6/26/2020	52.8	4.2	8.8	Medium
6/27/2020 - 7/3/2020	84.6	5.2	6.7	Medium
7/4/2020 - 7/10/2020	75.1	5.4	6.0	Medium
7/11/2020 - 7/17/2020	70.3	4.2	5.3	Medium
7/18/2020 - 7/24/2020	70.9	4.3	5.7	Medium
7/25/2020 - 7/31/2020	70.0	4.3	6.0	Medium

Risk Assessment

- **All school districts/charters have been assigned a DPH liaison to support reopening plans**
- **Decisions on learning format based on operational capacity (learning remote vs. hybrid vs. in-person cannot be less restrictive)**
- **Track changes weekly but changes in learning format will not be made weekly (follow the trends)**

Environmental Safety

Health Screening Protocols

- ☐ Face Coverings

Infection Prevention and Control

- ☐ Personal Protective Equipment
- ☐ Hand hygiene

Social Distancing

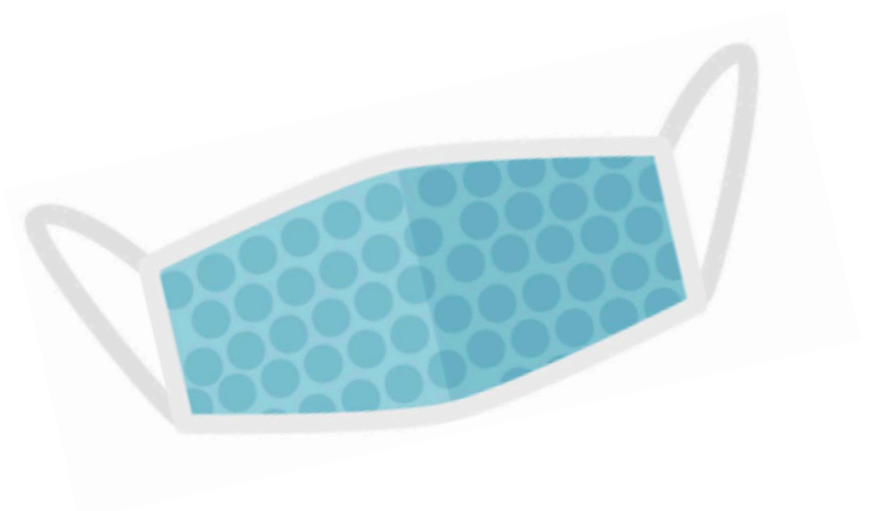
- ☐ Minimizing Mixing and Contact

Facilities:

- ☐ Cleaning and Disinfecting
- ☐ Ventilation
- ☐ Outdoor facilities and activities

Health Screening Protocols

- Students/Families/Staff complete self-assessment daily to check for symptoms
- **Stay home if sick**, contact PCP, get tested
- School create separate area for sick individuals to wait for parent pick up (**should not ride home on bus**)
- Face coverings required for grades 4 – 12
 - ***Strongly encouraged K - 3***



Infection Prevention & Control

- **Face coverings**
- **Gowns, gloves, hair or shoe coverings not required (except nurses)**
- **Schedule hand washing for teachers/students**
- **Wash or sanitize hands after students change classrooms**



Social Distancing

- **6 feet recommended**
- **Use individual desks vs. sharing tables when possible (desks face same direction)**
- **Hallway traffic – flow one way or one direction on each side(keep 6 feet between students)**
- **Design Phys Ed activities to be socially distant**
- **Reduce mixing of classes**
- **Limit visitors (including families)**
- **No field trips**

Facilities

- Clean and disinfect high-touch surfaces (railings, doorknobs, bathrooms) every 15 min – no longer than every 2 hours
- **Check HVAC systems, change filters regularly**
- Ensure classrooms have wastebaskets, tissues and hand sanitizer (check CDC for recalls)
- **Consider increasing ventilation when possible (open windows)**
- Use outdoor spaces as much as possible (recess/outdoor classes)



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**Chief Physician
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School Testing

- **TESTING: Key to reducing spread**
- **New testing option for teachers, students, and staff**
- **20,000 tests purchased**

School Testing: Teachers & Staff

- **Vault Health - Saliva-based test**
- **School districts to provide links to distribute to staff**
- **Test kit shipped to home**
 - **No physicians order needed**
 - **Symptoms and no symptoms**
 - **Cost pre-paid by state**



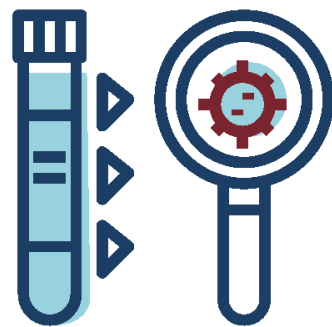
School Testing: Students

- **Community testing sites geared toward students will be set up at schools statewide before schools reopen**

School Testing

- **Zoom call** – Vault staff walks person through sample collection
- Pre-paid UPS envelope (place in UPS drop box)
- Results available in **48 – 72 hours** by text and email
 - Dedicated call center
- DEMA/DPH drive-through sites with school districts for students (walk-up available)

KNOW YOUR COVID-19 STATUS



Please get tested for coronavirus,
whether you have symptoms or not.
You can help stop the spread.

de.gov/gettested



Act with a sense of **community.**

- Be smart.
- Get tested.
- Wash your hands.
- Wear a face covering.
- Practice social distancing.
- **Protect your neighbors.**

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